Notice to Bidders - Invitation to Bid

Sealed bids will be received by the Office of Procurement Services, on behalf of the Lake County Board of County Commissioners, **until 3:00 p.m. on July 10, 2013** for the furnishing of all services, labor, materials and equipment for the construction of the following project:

Green Mountain Scenic Byway Northshore Overlook and Trailhead Project No. 2012080006, Bid No. 13-0604

The work includes all labor, materials, equipment, fuel and any other incidental costs and supervision necessary for the construction of amenities including access to the site, public parking lot, group pavilion, restroom facilities, a trail system and boardwalk structure, and an interpretive exhibit that explains the history of Lake Apopka and the restoration efforts underway. This project is funded by the Florida Department of Transportation through a Local Agency Program agreement and the contract must be awarded to an FDOT pre-qualified contractor. State and Federal requirements shall apply. The engineer's estimate is \$865,062.

Lake County, Florida hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, gender, religion, age, disability, marital status, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Plans, specifications, and bid forms may be obtained from Romine Reprographics at http://www.rominereprographics.com, or at 535 Cooper Commerce Drive, Suite 340, Apopka, Florida, 32703, phone (407) 464-1700.

Bids shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope clearly marked, "SEALED BID FOR PROCUREMENT SERIVCES: Green Mountain Scenic Byway Northshore Overlook and Trailhead, Project No. 2012080006, Bid No. 13-0604", and mailed or hand carried to Lake County Board of County Commissioners, c/o Procurement Services, 315 West Main Street, Room 441, P.O. Box 7800, Tavares, Florida, 32778. The bidder shall place on the outside of the bid envelope the name of the firm submitting the bid.

All bids shall be received no later than the date and time specified above, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Office of Procurement Services, Administration Building, 4th Floor, Room 441, 315 West Main Street, Tavares, Florida.

Bids may be withdrawn prior to the date and time of opening, but no bids may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the date and time of opening of bids.

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive formalities, and to award the contract in the best interest of Lake County, Florida.

Bid Surety: All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Guarantee acceptable to the County Attorney, which shall be one of the following: bid bond or letter of credit, in the sum of five percent (5%) of the base bid and made payable to Lake County. Said bid bond or letter of credit shall be a guarantee that should the bid be accepted, the bidder will, within ten (10) days after written notice of the award of the contract, enter into a contract with Lake County for the services proposed to be performed and will at that time furnish an acceptable contract surety. Cash, company or personal checks will not be accepted.

Mandatory Pre-bid Conference: A <u>mandatory</u> pre-bid conference will be held on **June 26, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.** at the jobsite at Lake Apopka in Lake County (see map location of "Proposed North Shore Trailhead and Scenic Overlook"). Bidders are encouraged to purchase and review the plans, specifications, and bid forms <u>prior to</u> the mandatory pre-bid conference so that questions may be presented at that time. Bidders must have a representative in attendance at this conference to submit a bid for the project.

Lake County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and will not do business with any firm or individual that in any way, directly or indirectly, discriminates against any person because of age, race, color, disability, sex, national origin or religious creed.

